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Appl. No. 09/981,900  
Amdt. Dated: October 24, 2003  
Reply to Office Action of 10/06/2003

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Appln. No. : 09/981,900 Confirmation No. 9143  
Applicants : Masomeh B. Sticklen, Bruce E. Dale  
and Shahina B. Maqbool  
Filed : October 18, 2001  
Title : TRANSGENIC PLANTS CONTAINING LIGNINASE  
AND CELLULASE WHICH DEGRADE LIGNIN AND  
CELLULOSE TO FERMENTABLE SUGARS  
  
TC/A.U. : 1638  
Examiner : Russell Kallis  
  
Docket No. : MSU 4.1-539  
Customer No. : 21036

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT  
UNDER 35 USC 121**

Sir:

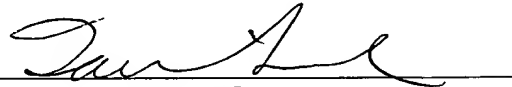
In response to the Office Action mailed October 6, 2003, the Applicants elect Group I (claims 1-17, 47-82, 100, 102 and 103. The election is without traverse. In reference to the election of species, Applicants elect SEQ ID NO:4 and SEQ ID NO:11. This requirement is traversed since Applicants would be obligated to file

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separate applications on each of the related sequences.

Examination on the merits is requested.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Ian C. McLeod', is written over a horizontal line.

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